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**SEEKING JUSTICE:** Iraqi women hold pictures of relatives they say were killed by Saddam Hussein's regime after a 1991 Shiite uprising in the south of Iraq.

## Saddam's Trial to Resume

Sunnis arrested in plot to kill judge ahead of proceedings

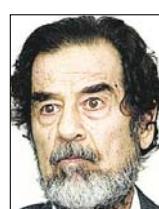
**BAGHDAD, IRAQ** | Iraqi police arrested eight Sunni Arabs for allegedly plotting to kill the judge who prepared the indictment of Saddam Hussein, authorities said Sunday, the day before the ousted leader's trial for crimes against humanity resumes.

Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark arrived in Baghdad to help the defense but might not be allowed in court Monday when the first of up to 35 prosecution witnesses take the stand.

Tight security surrounds the proceedings, which are restarting after a five-week recess in a specially built courtroom in the heav-

ily guarded Green Zone. The precise starting time was not announced due to fear of attack by both Saddam's supporters and opponents.

The eight alleged plotters from Iraq's Sunni Arab minority were apprehended Saturday in the northern city of Kirkuk, police Col. Anwar Qadir said. He said they were carrying written instructions from a former top



Saddam

Saddam deputy, Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, ordering them to kill investigating judge Raed Juhi, who prepared the case against Saddam and forwarded it to the trial court in July.

Insecurity from the predominantly Sunni insurgency has complicated efforts to put Saddam on trial. For example, names of four of the five trial judges have been kept secret and some of the 35 witnesses may testify behind curtains to protect them from reprisal.

Clark and former Qatari Justice Minister Najib al-Nueimi have been advising Saddam's lawyers and support their call to have the trial moved out of Iraq because of the violence. (AP)

♦ **Making claims:** Ex-prime minister says recent rights abuses in Iraq rival those of Saddam's regime | **Page 7**

**KIDS | The Post of Christmas Present** As a holiday tradition, Sweden's postal service has for years replied individually to each child who has written a letter to Santa. But this year it's reorganizing the process and adding a twist, Agence France



Presse reported. Any child who writes to Santa this year — and puts the letter in one of the special red postboxes installed around the country — will get a personal reply and a small gift, the agency said. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

# eyeOpeners

## SUSPECTS

**Looking for John Doe — or John Deere?**

Bad idea: fleeing from police in a stolen car. Worse idea: fleeing in a stolen lawnmower. But that's what police say a Springfield, Ill., man did, a decision that landed him back in prison for violating his parole. Police were investigating a

report of a stolen lawnmower when they spotted a man driving a lawnmower across a field. "There was this man bouncing through the cornfield with his ponytail flopping in the breeze," said officer Kurt Taraba. Authorities set up a perimeter and told the man to stop, but he allegedly tried to drive off. "He was only going four or five miles per hour, so I got out and jogged alongside him," deputy Jim Tascott said. (AP)

## SUPERSTITION

**And Then What Would the Elves Eat?**

A St. Fillans, England, property company has replanned construction of a building after residents complained the work would disturb a group of fairies,

the Times reported. As a crew began digging on the site, "a neighbor came over shouting, 'Don't move that rock. You'll kill the fairies,'" said company head Marcus Salter. The company then began receiving phone calls from residents complaining about harm being done to the fairies. (EXPRESS)

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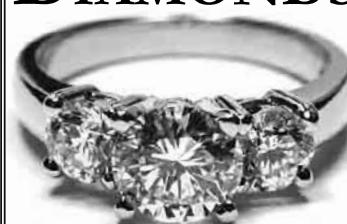
**Here's Your Tip:  
Slow Down**

A Darwin, Australia, pizza deliveryman was fined for speeding — to deliver a pizza to police, the Courier-Mail reported. The deliveryman was on his way to police headquarters when he was pulled over because he did not have a license. He was made to leave his car and walk the rest of the way to the station, where he delivered the pizza. He was later fined by a court, though the judge joked that maybe police made the arrest because they were upset about waiting for their food. "I hope you had time to do something to the pizza before you gave it to them," magistrate David Loadman told the man. (EXPRESS)

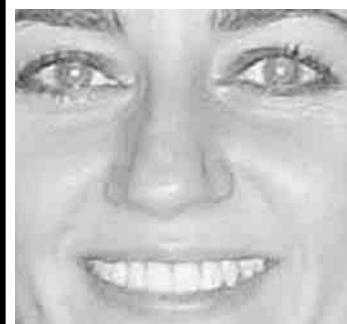
## FEASTS

**Monkey See  
Monkey Food**

Why should Americans be the only ones who gorged themselves over the holiday weekend? The annual Monkey Buffet Festival at a temple in Lopburi, Thailand, provided various types of food and drink to the local monkey population, which numbers more than 2,000. (EXPRESS)

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The number of passengers expected to pass through Chicago's busy O'Hare International Airport on Sunday. Rain delayed flights up to an hour and a half during the morning, but the situation improved by the afternoon.

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## In Brief



Shoppers at a Chesterfield, Va., JC Penny's store pounce on sales racks during the year's busiest retail weekend.

**NEW YORK**  
**Stores See Modest Sales on Busiest Shopping Weekend**

The 2005 holiday shopping season got off to only a modest start over the Thanksgiving weekend. Shoppers went after discounts, but not much more, say retail analysts. The weekend following Thanksgiving is typically the busiest of the year. Analysts estimate that the weekend's sales results were down from a year ago, due largely to markdowns that forced retailers to sell more goods in order to meet sales targets. (AP)

**Dems Split on Medicaid**

Controversial House legislation designed to control Medicaid growth has split Democrats, with lawmakers in Washington opposing the measure and governors quietly supporting it. | **Today, Page A1**

**IN** The Washington Post

# Another Reporter to Testify in CIA Case

**Journalist in Time's D.C. bureau to discuss talks with Rove's lawyer**

**WASHINGTON** | A second Time magazine reporter has agreed to cooperate in the CIA leak case and will testify about her discussions with Karl Rove's attorney, a sign that prosecutors are still exploring charges against the White House aide.

Viveca Novak, a reporter in Time's Washington bureau, is cooperating with Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald, who is investigating the leak of CIA operative

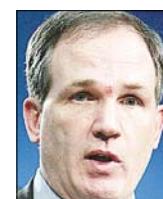
Valerie Plame's identity in 2003, the magazine reported in its Dec. 5 issue.

Novak specifically has been asked to testify under oath about conversations she had with Rove attorney Robert Luskin starting in May 2004, the magazine reported.

Novak, part of a team tracking the CIA case for Time, has written or contributed to articles quoting Luskin that characterized the nature of what was said between Rove and Matthew Cooper, the first Time reporter who testified in the case in July.

Cooper appeared before the grand jury in July after Time surrendered his notes and e-mail detailing a conversation with Rove. Cooper agreed to talk and avoid jail after disclosing that his source, now confirmed to be Rove, released him from his confidentiality agreement.

A grand jury indicted I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, on perjury and obstruction charges



Fitzgerald

on Oct. 28. Fitzgerald said in court papers earlier this month that he will present additional evidence to another grand jury.

Rove has remained under investigation for his involvement in leaking the identity of Plame, whose husband, former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson, is a critic of the Bush administration.

Plame's CIA status was exposed by conservative columnist Robert Novak, no relation to Time's Novak, in July 2003, days after her husband accused the U.S. government of manipulating prewar intelligence. (AP)

**DEADLY CRASH | GREYHOUND BUS FLIPS OVER**



**RECOVERY MISSION:** Rescue personnel remove a victim from a Greyhound bus that flipped over Sunday in Santa Maria, Calif., killing a man and a pregnant woman. Driver fatigue played a role in the wreck, officials say.

# Global Economy Slows Inflation — At a Cost

**Foreign workers keep prices down, but take jobs once based in U.S.**

**WASHINGTON** | While Alan Greenspan has won praise for his successful 18-year battle to keep inflation under control, he's the first to say he's had a lot of help. Among those most responsible are tens of millions of workers in China, India and Eastern Europe.

Adding all those workers to the global economy has made the Federal Reserve's inflation-fighting job easier by increasing competition. That has

helped hold down labor costs — the biggest single expense for employers — and, as a result, prices.

It has come at a cost: Many of the jobs being done overseas used to be in America.

"U.S. manufacturing jobs have withered over the past five years and many of those jobs are never coming back," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

For those U.S. workers who still have jobs, the pressure on their wages has intensified as companies use the threat of moving more production overseas as a way to extract concessions from their U.S. workers. (AP)

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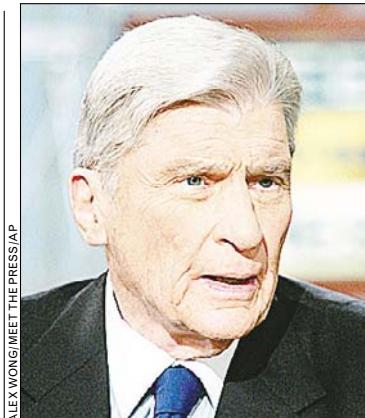
# Senator Wants Iraq 'Chats'

Warner says broadcasts like Roosevelt's would increase public support

WASHINGTON | The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Sunday suggested that President Bush use an FDR-style presentation to update people on progress in the war in Iraq.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., recalled that during World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt often went on the radio in "fireside chats" to explain to the nation in detail the conduct of the war in Europe and Asia.

"I think it would be to Bush's advantage," said Warner in an appearance on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday. "It would bring him closer to the people, dispel some of



Sen. John Warner discusses Iraq Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

this concern that understandably our people have, about the loss of life and limb, the enormous cost of this war to the American public."

The Senate voted 79-19 on Nov. 15 to urge the Bush administra-

tion to explain publicly its strategy for success in Iraq and to provide quarterly reports on policy and military operations. A call for a plan to set a phased withdrawal of troops, which Bush opposes, was dropped from the nonbinding resolution when Republicans and some Democrats objected.

Warner reiterated his opposition to a timetable for troop withdrawal, and sharply disagreed with Delaware Sen. Joe Biden's assertion that the military cannot maintain its baseline troop levels past next year.

Nearly 160,000 U.S. troops are serving in Iraq. The Pentagon has said that level will drop below 140,000 after Iraqi elections on Dec. 15, if they are no longer needed for additional security.

DOUGLASS K. DANIEL (AP)



Firefighters rescue passengers trapped inside two monorail cars that collided Saturday in Seattle, Wash. Eighty-four people were stranded in the two train cars.

## Police Officials Rethink 'Always Armed' Policy

PROVIDENCE, R.I. | An old police tradition of requiring off-duty officers to carry their weapons is being scaled back in police departments nationwide following the shootings of off-duty officers by colleagues who thought they were criminals.

The policy requires officers to respond to crimes even when they're not on duty. Supporters say that also protect officers from criminals bent on revenge, but critics point to recent officer shootings in Rhode Island, Florida and California as reasons for change.

Providence's policy is now at the center of a \$20 million civil rights lawsuit over the shooting of Sgt. Cornel Young Jr., who was killed in 2000 while he was off duty and trying to break up a fight.

RAY HENRY (AP)

## Seattle Monorail Crash Strands Passengers

SEATTLE | Two trains on Seattle's monorail line clipped each other on a curve Saturday evening, forcing the evacuation of 84 passengers from the mile-long, 43-year-old elevated line between downtown and the Seattle Center.

The collision ripped off one train's door and shattered glass, but officials said only two passengers were hospitalized with minor injuries.

"We heard a screeching sound — metal on metal — and glass breaking," said John Gahagan, 50, of Mukilteo, Wash. Several people slid off their seats. But he said the crash "wasn't real violent," saying "the scariest thing was coming down the ladder."

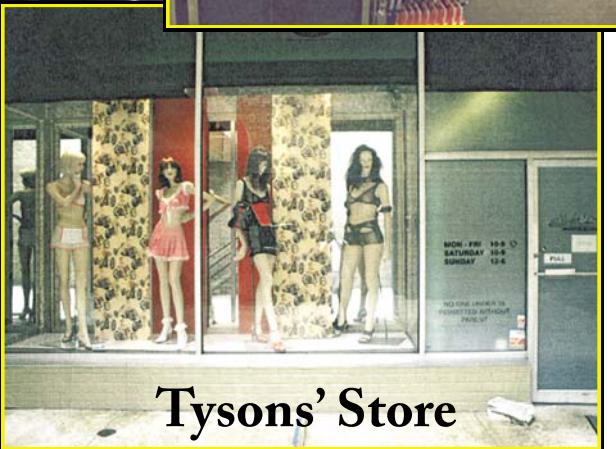
The police department will investigate the cause of the crash.



**BULLY PULPIT?** The battle over embryonic stem cell research moved into the pews Sunday, as Roman Catholic priests across Missouri urged churchgoers to oppose a petition seeking a constitutional amendment that would protect the controversial work. (AP)



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*Thank goodness for the support of my family! My grandmother, who worked for a lingerie manufacturer and owned the most gorgeous peignoir sets, was great encouragement for me. Not only did she support me by lending money, but also her advice and expertise were invaluable. She insisted that women should dress up at night to make themselves feel good and that doing so would enhance their relationship. Additionally, my mom and dad supported me greatly and even today, they are my partners.*

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# Schools Rethink Phys. Ed.

Yoga, rock-climbing, other options aim to build lifelong habits

**NORTHPORT, NY** | At Northport High School in suburban New York City, physical education includes yoga, step aerobics and fitness walking, as well as team sports like volleyball and basketball.

There are archery targets, soccer fields and a rock-climbing wall where students inscribe their names to show how high they get.

While the offerings at Northport may exceed those at many public high schools, the school is representative of a national physical education trend that promotes fitness and downplays competitive sports that leave the uncoordinated feeling left out.

"The emphasis today is more on helping youngsters develop the competence that leads to confidence and enjoyment of a lifetime of physical activity," said George Graham, a professor of kinesiology at Penn State University and past president of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.

The changes are occurring amid growing concern that sed-



**HANGING OUT:** Dana Cooper, 16, scales a rock-climbing wall during a physical education class in Northport, N.Y., that emphasizes fitness over competitive sports.

entary lifestyles are fueling an epidemic of childhood obesity, with experts estimating that 30 percent of American schoolchildren are overweight or obese. According to

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, only about 6 percent to 8 percent of schools provide the daily physical education classes that advocates recommend. KAREN MATTHEWS (AP)

## Katrina Leaves Colleges Anxious Over Enrollment

Official await return of displaced students — and their tuition

**NEW ORLEANS** | In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, an estimated 18,000 displaced New Orleans students left the city's universities. Now New Orleans schools desperately need those students to return next semester and pay tuition.

Exactly how many will return won't be known until January. Tulane says 80 percent of its students have already re-registered. Loyola University, which received little damage, just started registration and can only say more

than half for now. The situation will likely be more dire at schools like Xavier and Dillard, which suffered more storm damage.

Some students simply want to stay where they are, particularly freshmen who never got attached to their original schools.

Richard Whiteside, Tulane's dean of admission, says only about 5 percent of Tulane students have withdrawn so far, and more than 90 percent of freshmen plan to return.

"I really believe, if students come back for a semester they won't leave again," he said. "New Orleans really gets into their DNA." JUSTIN POPE (AP)

## Green Activist to Challenge Clinton

**ALBANY, N.Y.** | An activist who advocates for an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq says he will challenge incumbent Hillary Rodham Clinton for the 2006 Democratic nomination for Senate.

"This is now a declared candidacy," said Steven Greenfield, a 44-year-old professional musician who unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 2002 as a member of the liberal Green Party. "She's in favor of the war and in favor of continuing the occupation."

Greenfield said he expects public support for the Iraq war to continue to erode, which will boost his chances to run a competitive race against Clinton.

MARC HUMBERT (AP)



**LEE'S LEGACY:** Both Bosnia and Hong Kong unveiled statues of Bruce Lee to mark the 65th birthday on Sunday of the late movie star credited with introducing kung fu to the world. Lee died of an edema, or swelling of the brain, at age 32.

## World

### In Brief

BAGHDAD, IRAQ

#### Vehicle Overturns, Leaving 2 U.S. Lawmakers Injured

A military vehicle carrying three congressmen overturned on the way to the Baghdad airport after an oncoming truck refused to yield, injuring two of them, the U.S. Embassy said Sunday. Rep. Tim Murphy, R-Pa., was airlifted to a hospital in Germany for an MRI on his neck, and Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., was sent to a Baghdad hospital for evaluation, said Rep. Jim Marshall, D-Ga., who was also in the vehicle but was not hurt when it overturned Saturday. (AP)



Winter weather arrives with a strong dose of snow in Urkiaga, Spain.

ROME

#### Flooding Feared as Winter Storms Hit Parts of Europe

Worried officials monitored Italy's swelling rivers as severe winter weather sweeping across Europe brought more heavy rain and snow Sunday, and authorities in Austria warned of a "substantial" risk of avalanches. In central Italy, authorities were forced to close roads and evacuate dozens of families from homes near rivers. (AP)

NEUILLY-SUR-MARNE, FRANCE

#### Hundreds Protest Attack on Teen Who Refused Proposal

Several hundred people marched in silence Sunday to protest violence against women in France's rough suburbs after a teenage girl was set on fire for turning down a man's marriage proposal. Chahrazad Belayni, a French 18-year-old of Moroccan origin, has been hospitalized with burns covering 60 percent of her body since a male acquaintance doused her with gasoline and set her ablaze Nov. 13. Police were searching for her attacker. (AP)



WAR ZONE: Iraqi girls pick up glass inside a home that family members said was damaged during clashes in Ramadi Sunday.

## Quake Hits Iran, Killing At Least 10

Tremblor rattles lightly populated area but still wrecks 7 villages

TEHRAN, IRAN | An earthquake with a magnitude of at least 5.9 shook a sparsely populated area of southern Iran on Sunday, flattening seven villages, killing 10 people and injuring 70, officials and state-run television said. The tremor was felt as far away as Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

Heidar Alishvandi, the governor of Qeshm, was quoted by state television as saying rescue teams were deployed to the affected area, and people in the wrecked villages moved quickly to safety.

Tehran's seismologic center said the quake was of magnitude 5.9, but the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said it had a magnitude of 6.1.

The last major quake to hit southern Iran was in February, when a magnitude-6.4 tremor rocked Zarand, a town in Kerman province. It killed 612 people and injured more than 1,400, leveling several villages and leaving thousands of people homeless. (AP)

## Allawi: Abuse Rife in Iraq

Ex-official blames Shiites; aid workers snatched

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Iraq's former interim prime minister complained Sunday that human rights abuses by some in the new government are as bad now as they were under Saddam Hussein.

Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite Muslim, told the London newspaper *The Observer* that fellow Shiites are responsible for death squads and secret torture centers and said brutality by elements of

Iraqi security forces rivals that of Saddam's secret police.

Allawi's allegation of widespread human rights abuses follows the discovery this month of up to 173 detainees, some showing signs of torture, in a Shiite-led Interior Ministry building in Baghdad.

In Canada, meanwhile, a Parliament official said four aid workers, including two Canadians, had been kidnapped in Iraq but

refused to name their group or say where they were seized. Britain's Foreign Office identified one of the four as Norman Kember, a Briton, but provided no further details.

Elizabeth Colton, a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman, said the U.S. was investigating whether an American also was among the missing.

Most international organizations fled Iraq last year following a wave of kidnappings and beheadings of foreign and Iraqi hostages.

ROBERT H. REID (AP)

COSTA RICA | A TREASURED PIECE OF CULTURE



FORM OF FLATTERY: A boy walks with his oxcart toy as real carts parade during the ninth annual celebration of the carts in San Jose, Costa Rica, on Sunday. The painted carts are a symbol of folk culture in the region.

## Pro-Democracy Leader Remains Held in Myanmar

YANGON, MYANMAR | Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi appeared to remain under house arrest following Sunday's expiration of a previous detention order, with police paying her a brief visit and government security around her home tightened.

Officials from the country's secretive military regime could not be reached to confirm the action, and a spokesman for Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party was only willing to say that he had no news of a change in her status.

Suu Kyi has spent 10 of the last 16 years in detention, mostly under house arrest.

She was last taken into custody on May 30, 2003 after her motorcade was attacked by a pro-junta mob as she was making a political tour of northern Myanmar. She was held first by the military, and later transferred to house arrest after undergoing an operation in Yangon.

The ruling junta took power in 1988 after suppressing mass pro-democracy protests. It held a general election in 1990, but refused to recognize the results after a landslide victory by Suu Kyi's party. (AP)



Suu Kyi

## World



**TAKEN TO TASK:** A majority of Britons are dissatisfied with Tony Blair's performance as prime minister, although his Labour government remains popular, a new poll shows. Fifty-five percent of people said they were unhappy with the way Blair is doing his job.

# Water Is Restored in Chinese City

Chemical slick that led to shutdown flows downstream to Russia

**HARBIN, CHINA** | Running water returned to this northeast city of 3.8 million people Sunday, ending a five-day shutdown blamed on a chemical spill that embarrassed the government and highlighted China's mounting environmental problems.

However, officials warned that what was coming out the tap in frigid Harbin still was too dirty to drink.

Water service started returning to this provincial capital shortly before 6 p.m. after the government said toxins spewed into the Songhua River by a chemical plant explosion had returned to safe levels.

"When that running water came back on, it was a completely wonderful feeling. It's been four days since I had a shower," said grinning taxi driver Cao Sijun, 46.

Local television showed the gov-



**PIPE DREAMS:** Dong Fengmei runs a faucet in her apartment in Harbin, China, on Sunday. Water service resumed after a five-day shutdown due to a chemical spill.

ernor of Heilongjiang province, where Harbin is located, drinking a glass drawn from the tap after service resumed.

But the government warned the public that supplies lying in pipes for five days were too dirty to drink, although safe enough for

housecleaning and laundry. It said it would announce when the water was safe enough first to bathe in and later to drink.

The deadly Nov. 13 chemical plant explosion in Jilin, a city upstream, was a political disaster for President Hu Jintao's government and cast a harsh light on the environmental costs of China's breakneck development.

Hu's government issued apologies to China's public and to Russia, where a border city downstream is bracing for the arrival of the benzene slick that was 50 miles long.

The pollutants were expected to reach Russian territory within days and Khabarovsk, a city of 580,000, within weeks. A top Russian environmental official, Oleg Mitvol, told the Ekho Moskvy radio Sunday that the nation will airlift activated carbon to treatment plants in a bid to absorb the toxins. JOE MCDONALD (AP)

**Water world:** The Harbin crisis has cast a new light on pollution concerns in China | Today's Post, A Section



Doctors transport a simulated bird flu patient during the drill in Hanoi Sunday.

## Vietnam Drills for Bird Flu Outbreak

**HANOI, VIETNAM** | Vietnam, the country hardest hit by bird flu, held a large-scale drill on Sunday to test its pandemic preparedness, as Australia planned a similar exercise later this week.

Vietnam's exercise is believed to be the first of its kind. About 900 people — including military, police and health officials — ran through a scenario in which throngs of people were falling ill and dying.

Australia is to hold a similar exercise this week, while other countries are planning desktop simulations to assess how well different government and civil agencies work together. (AP)

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**The winning bid** at a South Korean auction for a rare set of wild ginseng roots, some as old as 110 years. A family made the high bid in the hopes that the roots will help cure their mother's weak knees.

## World

# Chechens Vote for New Parliament

Kremlin pushing poll as step toward peace in war-ravaged region

GROZNY, RUSSIA | Chechens voted Sunday in their first parliamentary poll since Russia sent troops back to the Caucasus region six years ago to crush a separatist insurgency.

Moscow has touted the vote as the latest step toward restoring normalcy in the violence-wracked southern republic, but critics fear the new parliament will amount to a rubber stamp for Chechnya's Kremlin-backed governing elites.

Few international observers were monitoring the election for flaws that have marred three previous votes.

Many of the republic's 600,000 voters said they hoped the new par-



**ELECTION DAY:** With a poster of late President Akhmad Kadyrov displayed nearby, Chechen voters cast ballots for parliament at a polling station in Tsentrroy Sunday.

liament would cement stability in a region plagued by widespread unemployment, a shattered infrastructure and lingering violence between separatist rebels and Russian forces.

There were 350 candidates vying for 58 seats in the two-chamber parliament, with most of Russia's main national political parties fielding contenders.

Rights activists fear the assembly will be packed with supporters of Deputy Prime Minister Ramzan Kadyrov, the son of late President Akhmad Kadyrov, who was assassinated in a May 2004 bombing. Ramzan Kadyrov, 29, controls a feared security force accused of abuses ranging from robberies to kidnappings, and he holds vast business interests in Chechnya's oil industry. MIKE ECKEL (AP)

## Yemen Executes Suspected Terror Agent for Killings

SAN'A, YEMEN | A suspected al Qaeda ally was executed by a Yemeni firing squad Sunday after being convicted of killing a politician and plotting a deadly attack on three American missionaries in 2002.

Ali al-Jarallah was blindfolded and shot in the courtyard of a prison in the capital, San'a, in the presence of judiciary officials, several reporters and the victim's lawyer.

Ali al-Jarallah was convicted in 2003 of helping plot the attack that killed three missionaries in a Yemeni hospital. He also was convicted of murdering Jarallah Omar, the Yemeni Socialist Party's deputy secretary-general, and forming a terror cell to buy weapons with the intention of killing other local officials and foreigners. (AP)



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# Local

## Stadium Funding To Be Examined

Increasingly critical D.C. Council members to seek status report

WASHINGTON | Two D.C. committees will hold a joint oversight hearing on Monday to discuss the status of baseball operations and financing of the proposed baseball stadium for the Washington Nationals.

Some members of the D.C. Council have been trying to get major league baseball or the team's new owner — when one is selected — to pick up some costs of the stadium, which is said to be around \$535 million.

A lease still hasn't been negotiated with baseball, however, and the team hasn't been sold, which

is fueling concerns that the city is going to have to pay more than the original cost.

There have already been reports that the D.C. government underestimated the costs, but city officials have said that they are committed to keeping the price the same.

The Washington Post reported Sunday that a majority of Council members, not including Chairman Linda W. Cropp, said last week that they will insist on a vote on a final stadium lease agreement.

Several also said that they would expect Major League Baseball or the team's new owner to pay additional costs, including improvements to roads and other infrastructure. (AP)

# \$140K

The amount raised as of Saturday to build the proposed Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum. The project got a big bump toward its \$150,000 goal thanks to donations from the Trainfest festival last week.

IN The Washington Post | TENANTS MOVE OUT AFTER ANNAPOLIS FIRE



ANDREA BRUCE/TWP

**UNWANTED FACE LIFT:** Friends console the owners of Zachary's Jewelers in Annapolis, Md., Sunday as they prepared the building that housed it to be demolished after it was gutted by fire Friday. How the city plans to rebuild | [Today in Metro](#)

## In Brief

### HYATTSVILLE, MD.

#### Police Searching for Suspects in Double Shooting

Hyattsville police and other area law enforcement agencies are looking for four suspects behind a double shooting. Hyattsville police chief Douglas

Holland says officers responded to a call Sunday afternoon that two people had been shot and found the victims with non-life-threatening injuries. The victims were taken to area hospitals. (AP)

### WASHINGTON

#### 8 Arrested in Scuffle at Fort Totten Metro Station

Metro police made eight arrests

at the Fort Totten station on drug and assault charges shortly before midnight Sunday, a transit agency spokeswoman said. Metro's Lisa Farbstein said officers were in the process of arresting two 18-year-olds for underage drinking when they found drugs on one of the teens. During the arrest, six more young people started fighting with police to stop the arrest. (AP)

## The Lotteries

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**A-DRESS THE BALL:** On Saturday, Fred Funk saw pink as he good-naturedly wore a pink skirt after being outdriven by Anika Sorenstam at the Skins Game. On Sunday, Funk saw green after winning the event and a total of \$925,000.

## Sports

### Grading Gibbs



The best & worst from the game

**BEST CALL:** Not giving up on the running game, even though Clinton Portis ended up averaging only 3 yards a carry. The run gave the offense consistency.

**WORST CALL:** Backing off the blitz at crucial times late in the game. It allowed the offensive line to get back in the game and break L.T.

**BEST ADJUSTMENT:** Throwing to Santana Moss even in double-coverage situations. He handled it.

**GRADE: C:** A chance to get back on track in a big way, and the offense blows it by playing too safe.

### Box Score

#### Chargers 23, Redskins 17

	WASHINGTON	3	7	7	0	0
	SAN DIEGO	0	7	0	10	6

**First Quarter:** WAS: FG Hall 38, 5:22

**Second Quarter:** S.D.: Tomlinson 1 run (Kaeding kick), 10:31, WAS: Moss 22 pass from Brunell (Hall kick), 7:23

**Third Quarter:** WAS: Cartwright 13 run (Hall kick), 3:14

**Fourth Quarter:** S.D.: FG Kaeding 48, 14:08, S.D.: Tomlinson 32 run (Kaeding kick), 3:29

**Overtime:** S.D.: Tomlinson 41 run, 14:26

	REDSKINS	CHARGERS
First Downs	15	24
Total Net Yards	282	397
Rushes-Yards	33-91	28-202
Passing	191	195
Punt Returns	1-3	5-32
Kickoff Returns	4-59	5-128
Interception Ret.	3-16	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	17-27-0	22-45-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-3	3-20
Punts	9-37.9	6-38.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	6-40
Time Of Possession	29:47	30:47

**RUSHING:** WAS: Portis 29-87, Cartwright 1-13, Brunell 2-(minus 1), Moss 1-(minus 8) S.D.: Tomlinson 25-184, Parker 1-13, Neal 1-3, Brees 1-2

**PASSING:** WAS: Brunell 17-27-0-194 S.D.: Brees 22-44-3-215, Tomlinson 0-1-0-0

**RECEIVING:** WAS: Moss 6-65, Jacobs 4-44, Cooley 3-28, Portis 1-23, J. Farris 1-18, Johnson 1-14, Royal 1-2 S.D.: Parker 7-98, Tomlinson 6-29, McCarron 5-45, Gates 3-39, Neal 1-4

**MISSING FIELD GOALS:** S.D.: Kaeding 42 (WL), 46 (WL) WAS: Hall 52 (WR)

# In O.T., Redskins Shocked by L.T.

Playoff hopes fading fast as Chargers pull out a 23-17 squeaker

**REDSKINS:** Instead of crowing about a victory over his former team, Marty Schottenheimer decided once and for all to proclaim LaDainian Tomlinson the greatest running back ever.

Who could blame him? Tomlinson tied the game with a 32-yard run late in the fourth quarter and won it with a 41-yard scamper on the second play of overtime. He ran for 147 for his 184 yards after halftime Sunday in the San Diego Chargers' 23-17 victory over the Washington Redskins.

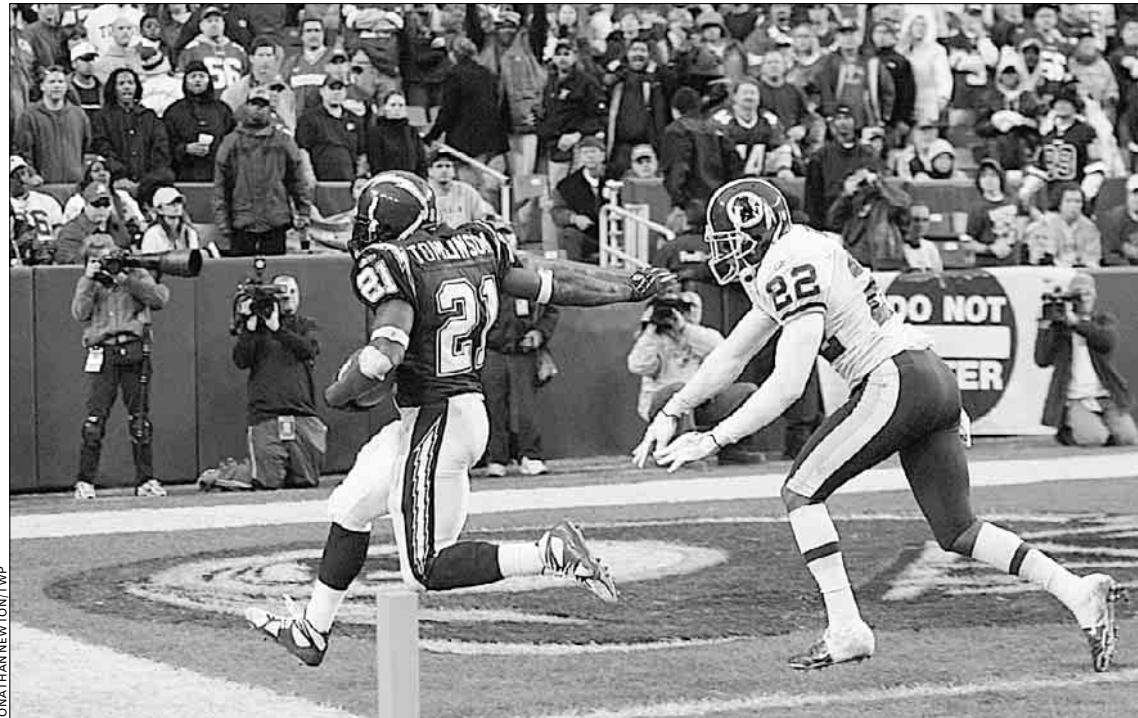
"In my opinion, he is the finest running back I have ever seen in professional football," Schottenheimer said, adding, "People say: 'Well what about Jim Brown? And what about Gale Sayers?' ... In the era that we're in now where you have defensive linemen that weigh 300 pounds and run 4.75, and these mammoth guys that are playing linebacker ... he is the finest running back that I have ever seen."

Whew! Well, the coach won't get much argument from his players. Tomlinson is reason No. 1 the Chargers (7-4) overcame a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit, as well as three interceptions by quarterback Drew Brees. San Diego won its fourth straight and remained two games behind Denver in the AFC West.

Schottenheimer also became the second ex-Redskins coach in two weeks to stick it to his former team. Norv Turner and the Raiders won 16-13 last week.

The Redskins (5-6) were distraught, their playoff hopes all but erased after losing a late fourth-quarter lead for the third straight week. The critical play this time was an obvious tackle-from-behind holding penalty on center Casey Rabach that forced kicker John Hall to try a 52-yard field goal — beyond his range when he was practicing before the game — with 30 seconds left. The attempt was wide right and a little short.

"I'm just trying to figure out where we go from here," said line-



**ZZZZAP:** LaDainian Tomlinson did to the Redskins what he does to every team he faces — make them look helpless. Tomlinson, who became only the seventh player to rush for at least 1,000 yards in his first five seasons, ran a 32-yard TD in OT.



**ON THE LINE:** Brunell handled himself well under pressure, but had few long passes.

backer LaVar Arrington, speaking slowly with eyes glazed. "This one's got me confused. We're just letting them get away, the same way, over and over again."

Coach Joe Gibbs was equally somber.

"That's about three of the toughest losses I've been through," Gibbs said. "This is going to be a real test for us. We'll see what we're made

of here."

The Chargers won the toss at the start of overtime. Tight end Antonio Gates, playing on a sprained foot, caught a 24-yard pass. Tomlinson scored on the next play.

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



The Chargers pile on Clinton Portis.

#### TURN FOR THE WORST

The Redskins will have to find a lot in themselves if they want to get one of the last playoff spots:

→ Redskins DT Joe Salave'a reaggravated a foot injury and had to leave the game.

→ Due to injuries, Santana Moss started the game as the only active Skins WR with more than 5 catches on the season.

→ John Hall had been 9-for-9 before missing a 52-yard shot for the win with 30 seconds left.

→ The 'Skins actually won the turnover battle Sunday, taking three and giving up none; their -13 differential had been tied for last in the league. Charles Rogers, Shawn Springs and Walt Harris got the team's first INTs by cornerbacks this year.

**Wilb-online:** Michael Wilbon talks about the Redskins and NBA and 1:15 p.m. [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

## Sports

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**Career receiving yards for Isaac Bruce.** The 33-year-old Rams wide receiver on Sunday became just the 11th NFL player to top the 12,000-receiving-yards mark, reaching it in 12 seasons.

# Cincinnati Tees Off on Baltimore's D

Bengals offense puts up 42 points against a softened Ravens unit

**FOOTBALL** | With Kyle Boller fumbling and stumbling, the Bengals had it easy — almost too easy.

Carson Palmer took advantage of Baltimore's generous turnovers by throwing three touchdown passes Sunday, leading Cincinnati to a 42-29 victory and a sweep of the last-place Ravens.

Baltimore couldn't hold onto the

ball or slow an offense that nearly kept up with Peyton Manning a week earlier. Cincinnati led 34-0 late in the third quarter before a couple of turnovers and soft defense got the Ravens going.

Boller threw two interceptions and lost a fumble, helping Cincinnati (8-3) move a half-game ahead of Pittsburgh in the AFC North. The Steelers play Monday night in Indianapolis.

The Bengals and Steelers will then meet in Pittsburgh a week later with the division title on the line.



The Ravens defense laid down and let Rudi Johnson run over it for 114 yards.

The Ravens (3-8) kept the division knotted by upsetting Pittsburgh a week earlier.

Their depleted defense didn't have a chance against a Bengals offense that's on a roll — 79 points in the last two games.

T.J. Houshmandzadeh caught nine passes for 147 yards, and Chad Johnson celebrated his 54-yard touchdown catch by turning the end zone into his personal putting green. He uprooted the end zone pylon and put the football across the turf. JOE KAY (AP)

## TODAY'S TV LINEUP



Quarterback Peyton Manning has his horses running wild so far this season.

→ **FOOTBALL (9 P.M. ON ABC)** Could somebody please beat Indianapolis already? Sheesh. The Pittsburgh Steelers (7-3) head to the RCA Dome tonight to get their shot at handing Peyton Manning and the Colts (10-0) their first loss of the season. Fun stats to ponder: Steelers coach Bill Cowher has never lost to the Colts and quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has never lost on the road. Oooo, the plot thickens.

→ **BASKETBALL (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2)** ACC fans, get ready for the ACC/Big 10 Challenge as Virginia Tech (5-1) — the Hokies as an ACC team still doesn't feel right, does it? — travels to Columbus to take on Ohio State (2-0). Or wait for the better games later in the week.

## SUNDAY NFL SCOREBOARD

**CHARGERS** 23, Redskins 17 (OT)  
**BENGALS** 42, Ravens 29  
**TITANS** 33, 49ers 22  
**RAMS** 33, Texans 27 (OT)  
**VIKINGS** 24, Browns 12  
**BEARS** 13, Buccaneers 10  
**CHIEFS** 26, Patriots 16  
**PANTHERS** 13, Bills 9  
**DOLPHINS** 33, Raiders 21  
**JAGUARS** 24, Cardinals 17  
**SEAHAWKS** 24, Giants 21 (OT)  
**EAGLES** 19, Packers 14

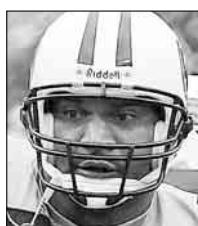
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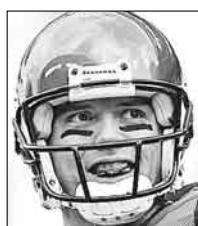
**L. TOMLINSON**  
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184 yds, 3 TDs



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343 yds, 3 TDs



**RYAN FITZPATRICK**  
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**Consecutive wins for the Chicago Bears.** That hasn't happened since 1986. With Sunday's win over the Bucs, could it be time for a new rendition of "The Super Bowl Shuffle"?

## Sports

# Put on the Sleeping Caps

Sluggish Washington drops 4th straight in 3-2 loss to Buffalo

**CAPITALS** | Jason Pominville scored his first NHL goal, and Thomas Vanek and Jochen Hecht also scored to help the Buffalo Sabres stretch their unbeaten streak to six games with a 3-2 victory over the Washington Capitals on Sunday. The Capitals have now lost four straight.

The Capitals' offense struggled throughout the game as Buffalo held a 29-19 edge in shots and repeatedly tested goalie Olie Kolzig. Buffalo's Martin Biron finished with 17 saves.

Vanek scored the go-ahead goal, and Hecht added a short-handed score late in the third period.

Maxim Afinogenov and Derek Roy assisted on the first two scores. Afinogenov made perfect crossing passes on each to help the Sabres improve to 5-0-0-1 in their last six games.

The Sabres took a 1-0 lead when Pominville scored by redirecting Afinogenov's pass by Kolzig for a power-play goal 3:56 into the game.

The Capitals started slowly after playing Saturday night in New York



The Caps—including goalie Olie Kolzig, getting scored on in the third—looked sluggish Sunday after getting in late from a game in New York the night before.

and not getting back to town until 1:30 a.m. Buffalo got nine of the game's first 10 shots as the Capitals looked tired. But Washington tied it when Steve Eminger scored on a power-play goal at 5:16 of the second period, putting away the rebound of his own shot. Rookie Alexander Ovechkin assisted to give him at least one point in the last four games.

Vanek put Buffalo on top for good by converting another slick cross from Afinogenov with 48.8 seconds left in the second period.

Hecht flipped a back-hander past Kolzig for a 3-1 lead with 3:37 left in the game. Matt Pettinger answered for Washington with 1:59 remaining, and the Capitals pressured Biron after that but came up

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## Eagles Upset About To Talk by Cowboys Owner

Philadelphia cries foul after Jones suggests WR could fit in Dallas

**FOOTBALL** | The Philadelphia Eagles have filed a tampering complaint against the Dallas Cowboys after Dallas owner Jerry Jones suggested his team would be interested in suspended wide receiver Terrell Owens.

"In general, I am a risk-taker. We've gone down that road," Jones said when asked if the Cowboys might be interested in Owens. "I probably have a propensity to try and make things work. ... A top receiver

could flourish with Drew Bledsoe. That's always appealing."

NFL spokesman Michael Signora confirmed Sunday the Eagles filed the complaint over Jones' remark and said "the matter is under review."

Owens was suspended for four games by the Eagles on Nov. 5 for criticizing quarterback Donovan McNabb, fighting with team "ambassador" Hugh Douglas and other actions deemed detrimental to the team. (AP)



Jones

**GRACE UNDER FIRE:** High winds frustrated efforts to light the 2006 Winter Olympics flame in Olympia, Greece, on Sunday, but a back-up torch did the trick.

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Ekene Ibekwe blocks a shot in the Terps' win against Nicholls State.

## Terps Start Slow, but Finish Big

**BASKETBALL** | Maybe it was jet lag. Perhaps it was the meager crowd, or the downgrade in competition after playing in the prestigious Maui Invitational.

Whatever the reason, No. 23 Maryland plodded through a sluggish first half Sunday against Nicholls State, heading to the locker room with a tenuous 39-30 lead.

"We had some guys today that were not really ready to play," coach Gary Williams said. "It's one of those things, I guess, you can say coming back from Hawaii is a tough thing."

The second half, however, was a different story. The Terrapins opened with a 16-0 run and cruised to an 88-56 victory, their 23rd straight at home against a nonconference opponent. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

# Loss Leaves Terrapins Bowled Over

'Same' mistakes give Maryland its second prolonged off-season

**FOOTBALL** | One year later, Maryland football finds itself in a disappointingly familiar position: no bowl game, a losing record to ponder and a quarterback controversy.

Coach Ralph Friedgen will have more than enough time to search for a solution, given that Maryland's season ended far sooner than he or the Terrapins envisioned.

In spite of all the mistakes and losses before the past weekend, Maryland still had a chance to earn a bowl bid before facing North Carolina State on Saturday. But the Terrapins did just about everything wrong in a game they had to win, committing 14 penalties and four turnovers in a 20-14 defeat.

Maryland also missed two field



Terrapins quarterback Sam Hollenbach was either turned around or turning it over Saturday against N.C. State. Ralph Friedgen still needs a solid QB after two busts.

goals and received a delay-of-game penalty coming off a timeout, a fitting performance during a season in which the Terrapins (5-6) lost four of their final five games.

"You've all heard this story," Friedgen said, adding, "we played hard, but we keep shooting ourselves in the foot. The result's always going to be the same when you keep doing that."

"You can't turn the ball over," Friedgen said, but "they're not getting the message. It can't happen.

... I've been saying the same thing over and over."

Quarterback Sam Hollenbach committed three turnovers in each of the last two games. If the Terrapins had won either of those, they'd be preparing for a bowl game.

Instead, Friedgen must decide whether to stick with Hollenbach or move in another direction.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

## In Brief

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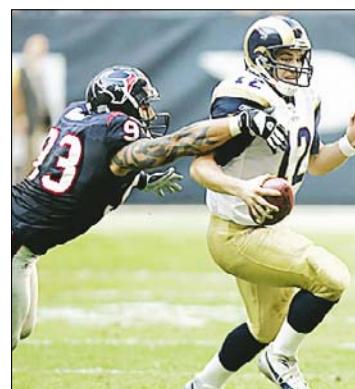
#### Drug Paraphernalia Charge For ESPN's Michael Irvin

Ex-Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin was charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia after police searched his vehicle during a traffic stop, Plano, Texas, police said Sunday. Irvin posted bond on the drug paraphernalia possession charge and was released. (AP)

### FOOTBALL

#### Another 21-Point Comeback In Starting Role for Rams QB

St. Louis Rams rookie quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick took over for injured backup Jamie Martin on Sunday, then threw a 56-yard touchdown in overtime to give the Rams a 33-27 win over the Houston Texans, coming back from a 21-point deficit. Previously, in his first start at Harvard, he rallied the Crimson from a 21-0 deficit for a 31-21 win, at the time the biggest comeback in Harvard's history. (AP)



Fitzpatrick has led comebacks in his first games in both college and the NFL.

### SOCER

#### Police Confirm Search of Top FIFA Officials' Offices

Police searched the offices of FIFA president Sepp Blatter and another senior official earlier this month as part of an investigation into a now-defunct sports marketing firm linked to world soccer's governing body. FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren said authorities arrived at FIFA's headquarters in Zurich on Nov. 3 with a warrant to search the offices of Blatter and general-secretary Urs Linsi. (AP)

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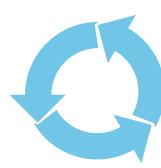
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**The drop in profits** at Nintendo Co., which makes Super Mario video games and GameBoys, during the first half of the fiscal year due to slumping sales. Nintendo plans to launch a new Revolution game machine in '06.

## Personal Tech

# Reinventing the Map

**MapQuest hits its 10th anniversary with rivals hot on its heels**

**DENVER** | Initially, the great thing about Internet mapping programs was their swiftness and ease for obtaining reliable, printable directions at the click of a button.

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MapQuest Inc., acquired by America Online Inc. in 2000, was the first mover and remains tops in Internet cartography as it heads toward the 10th anniversary of its Web site in February.

### FINDING THEIR WAY

→ While the number of U.S. Internet users has grown 7 percent in the past year, the number going to mapping sites leaped 33 percent to 51.3 million, according to comScore Media Metrix.

→ Of those people going to mapping sites, 71 percent visited MapQuest.com in September, 32 percent visited Yahoo, and 25 percent visited Google, comScore found. (AP)

"As Google is to search, MapQuest has been to mapping and driving directions," said Greg Sterling of The Kelsey Group, which researches electronic directories and local media.

But a bevy of deep-pocketed



**ON THE ROAD:** Workers for Tele Atlas, a digital mapping company, drive through the streets of San Francisco to collect fresh data for Internet maps. Amid new competition, online mapping sites are working to develop more hi-tech features.

competitors threatens.

"Google, Yahoo and MSN are certainly on [its] heels," Sterling said. "MapQuest is in danger if [it doesn't] continue to innovate."

For example, MapQuest once offered satellite images, but scrapped them after executives deemed them fun but not that useful. That decision was challenged by the satellite views offered by MSN's Virtual Earth and Google Earth.

MapQuest also had no equivalent of the service launched by Amazon.com Inc. subsidiary A9.com to offer street-level photos of two dozen U.S. cities.

MapQuest does boast the GPS-enabled "Find Me" service, available for \$3.99 to \$5.99 a month on some Sprint-Nextel phones and BlackBerry devices. The service lets users pinpoint their location and use their phones to map what's nearby. CATHERINE TSAI (AP)

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# Entertainment



**MAGIC NUMBERS:** A boy wizard outclassed a flurry of box-office newcomers over Thanksgiving. "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" took in \$54.9 million over the three-day weekend to remain the top movie. Its total gross so far exceeds \$400 mil.

# Her Own Words

## Ashlee Simpson speaks up about fame and flubbing it

**SECOND ACTS** | Ashlee Simpson knows what it's like to be a national joke, but she's getting the last laugh.

In October, almost a year to the day that she had her infamous "Saturday Night Live" lip-synching mishap, Simpson's second album, "I Am Me," debuted at No. 1, giving her two No. 1 albums at the age of 21.

"It's pretty amazing," said Simpson, calling during a break from her current tour. "I definitely didn't know that it would be No. 1. I've had my share of highs and lows this year, but I wasn't nervous about the record. I was personally proud of the record."

Like her debut "Autobiography," Simpson wrote or co-wrote all the songs on "I Am Me." However, the new album shows Simpson stretching beyond the pop-rock that made her first album successful.

For example, "L.O.V.E.," which will be Simpson's next single, sounds more like a Christina Aguilera dance number than a Courtney Love rock-



**LIVE FROM EVERYWHERE ...** : The younger Simpson sister is trying to become known not for pretending to sing on TV but for having two No. 1 albums.

er. "Now that I'm 21, I'm doing a lot of exploring and I like all kinds of music," Simpson said. "For 'L.O.V.E.', I was kind of going for a European, dancey kind of feel. And now it's my favorite song to perform."

Simpson said her tour is a success because of fan reaction to her new songs. "They're already singing every word with me," she said.

"It's the coolest feeling in the whole world. The first time it happened was with my first single 'Pieces of Me' and my heart dropped to the floor; it was so great. It's like they're going through the same things I am or having as much fun as I am."

Simpson agreed that her biggest show is already behind her — the much-awaited return to "Saturday Night Live."

Though Simpson is sure people will still ask her about it, she feels the episode is behind her. "I went back and faced something that was a complete mess-up for me and I conquered it," she said.

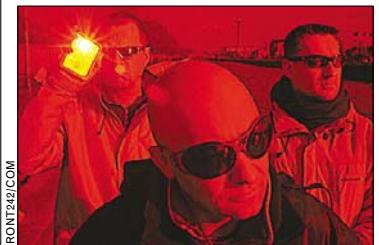
"I had to find an inner strength and be able to block out people and things that people are saying and be able to say, 'I'm going to do what I can do,'" Simpson added.

"And I think my fans are so supportive and are like, 'Yes!'" because that's the way they are in their day-to-day lives as well. That's how everybody is. I might fall on my face, but I'll pick myself up and keep going."

GLENN GAMBOA (NEWSDAY)

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# John Mayer, Six-String Wizard

## The lippy pop singer shows a blistering bluesman streak

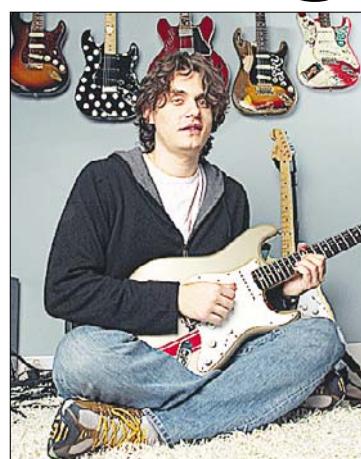
**MUSIC** | John Mayer is an outstanding guitar player, though you wouldn't know it from his studio albums. He's ready to change that on his latest project, a guitar-drenched collection of new songs (and a few covers) that Mayer recorded live as part of a trio.

The concept is very jazz, though the music isn't.

In fact, "Try! John Mayer Trio Live in Concert" (Columbia/Aware)

lays bare Mayer's love of vintage R&B and Stevie Ray Vaughan-style blues in a way that his more pop-based early efforts never did. Mayer's vocals even sound like Vaughan's on "Who Did You Think I Was," and he peels off a guitar solo that's equal parts face-melting technique and pure-flowing soul.

Mayer and his collaborators, bassist Pino Palladino and drummer Steve Jordan, play together with the loose-limbed compatibility that comes when ace musicians fall into a common groove. Mayer's chunky guitar parts and Jordan's drum fills dance around



Who knew pouty pop seducer John Mayer had such impressive chops?

on Jimi Hendrix's "Wait Until Tomorrow," and Palladino's bass roams underneath the melody of "Vultures." Mayer includes a nod to his pop songs with a reworked version of "Daughter" and it's nice enough. But by that point, the band has already outdone itself with a scorching cover of Ray Charles' "I Got a Woman," complete with a roaring finale that ends the main set wherever they recorded the show.

The sound is sometimes a little muddy. Yet the fidelity can't hide the threesome's energy or passion for the music they're playing.

## Entertainment



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Certainly not her husband Rex: George killed him last season by tampering with his heart medication. Or Bree's therapist, who cautioned the new widow to think twice about accepting a marriage proposal from George, who then heaved the therapist from a bridge.

Played by Roger Bart, George managed to cover his tracks as a murderous swain — for a while.

"Nobody in their right mind would say, 'Hmmm, what a great guy,'" Bart acknowledged. "He's not your average sociopath. But I've tried to find things in him that a viewer can iden-

tify with. He's so — well, clumsy is a nice word for it. And besides that, I made the choice that he's very, very angry about something."

He was signed midway through the freshman year of "Desperate Housewives," never having seen the kooky melodrama.

"There was one scene early on where George is home alone, eating dinner and watching Bree on the surveillance video from the drug store," said Bart. "I think that's when America went, 'Uh-oh.'"

A never-married father of two daughters, aged 19 and 4 1/2, Bart is savoring his current success on the show and in the upcoming film of "The Producers." He even enjoys "Desperate Housewives" bittersweet moments, such as when Rex died shockingly on last season's finale.

"Then, when it aired, I watched that episode, watching him in the hospital croaking his last breath, and I found myself moved almost to tears by his death. I was misting up and going, 'Who would do such a horrible thing?' And then I had to say, 'Wait a minute! I did it!'" FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

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IN THE LINE OF FIRE: The combat game "Call of Duty 2" is among the latest—and best—in game offerings this season.

# Toys for All Ages

## A roundup of new games is as diverse as it is impressive

**VIDEO GAMES** | In the spirit of the holidays, we looked at some of this season's must-have games and gadgets. But first, the basics.

This was the year that portable games really took off, as evidenced by the popularity of the \$130 Nintendo DS by Nintendo Co. and the \$299 PlayStation Portable from Sony Corp.

The PSP is a sleek gadget that plays movies and music as well as sharp-looking games. The DS, meanwhile, packs dual screens, touch sensitivity and a microphone for true interactivity.

If you want to game without looking like the kiddies, consider the Game Boy Micro. At \$99, it only plays aging Game Boy Advance games, but the Micro has a modern, diminutive design.

On the console side, the machine du jour is Microsoft Corp.'s new Xbox 360. At \$399.99 for the fully loaded version, it's a worthy successor to the old Xbox and a must-have for anyone wondering what the next-generation of video game consoles can do.

Older game systems — the original Xbox, Nintendo's GameCube and Sony's venerable PlayStation 2 — remain relative bargains, all of them costing \$150 or less.

### → CALL OF DUTY 2 (XBOX 360, PC)

It's not going to lift holiday spirits, but war buffs will be transfixed with "Call of Duty 2." It vividly captures the horror and heroism of World War II. A history lesson of sorts, this game immerses players in actual re-enactments spanning North Africa and the frigid Russian front. The graphics here are among the best in any game.

### → SOCOM: U.S. NAVY SEALS FIRETEAM BRAVO (PSP)

This military shooter starring U.S. Navy SEALS takes the multiplayer mayhem found in the SOCOM games for the PlayStation 2 and brings it to the PSP's portable realm, with great results. The widescreen PSP gives you a great window as you work with teammates to annihilate your foes. If you have a headset, you can even talk strategy to your teammates and smack at the enemy.

### → PETER JACKSON'S KING KONG: THE OFFICIAL GAME OF THE MOVIE (ALL)

### PLATFORMS)

This new game based on director Peter Jackson's re-imagining of the film classic should hold you over until the movie's release. You begin as gun-toting script writer Jack Driscoll on monster-infested Skull Island. Things really get going once you start battling dinosaurs and hateful humans as the love-stricken Kong.

### → INDIGO PROPHECY (PC, PLAYSTATION 2, XBOX)

The French designers behind "Indigo Prophecy" have single-handedly revived the dying adventure game genre with this excellent title. Set in the snowy streets of New York, this crime saga blends occult visions with cinematic interludes, good virtual acting and a unique control system.

### → CITY OF VILLAINS (PC)

If you're sick of always playing the good guy, "City of Villains" provides a pleasingly evil alternative. This massively multiplayer online game (translation: hundreds of other wannabe evildoers are with you at the same time) lets you design your very own arch villain, then set him or her loose in this fictional comic book universe. MATT SLAGLE (AP)

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**IS NOTHING SACRED?** Some people can't stop messing with classics. Redeemed warbler Mariah Carey's version of "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" will be slipped into 35th anniversary collectors' edition DVD packages of the beloved Rankin-Bass holiday film of the same

# Portrait of a Hurting Nation

## In HBO's 'Yesterday,' Africa's health crisis becomes personal

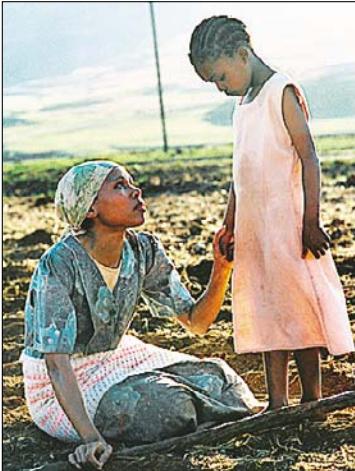
**ISSUES** | "It was nerve racking!" director Darrell James Roodt exclaimed on the phone from his home in Johannesburg. He was recalling watching the Oscar nominations on CNN last January, hoping to see his film "Yesterday" among the foreign-language contenders.

"I didn't know it was done alphabetically," he said. "So by the time the first four films were done I

thought, 'There's no way in hell we're going to be the fifth film.' And then we were. That was quite a rush."

"Yesterday" ended up not winning the Oscar, but Roodt's longtime collaborator, producer Anant Singh, notes the nomination had special meaning "because it's South Africa's first-ever nomination and the first film ever in Zulu. Those were two satisfying reasons."

But perhaps the nomination's greatest significance was that Roodt and Singh — known for their anti-apartheid films "Sarafina!" and "Cry, the Beloved Country" — were



Lelti Khumalo, left, stars in "Yesterday."

at last validated for the social consciousness that has defined their work for nearly two decades.

"Yesterday" confronts a new atrocity that has afflicted their homeland since the new South African democracy took hold 10 years ago. Airing tonight on HBO, the English-subtitled film tells the year-in-the-life story of a young, rural mother named Yesterday who has been diagnosed with AIDS.

It is in a scene detailing the long wait to see a doctor that we are introduced to Yesterday (played by Lelti Khumalo) and her 7-year-old daughter, Beauty (Lihle Mvelase).

They have walked two hours from home in the summer's heat, only to be turned away until the following week, and then the next. After finally being diagnosed, Yesterday makes the precarious journey to confront her husband, away in Johannesburg working in the mines. Though her life hangs in the balance, she is resolved to be with her daughter on her first day of school.

"'Yesterday' is about women in the village," said Khumalo. "It tells how important women are in South Africa, and how important women are in the world."

JANICE RHOSHALLE LITTLEJOHN (AP)

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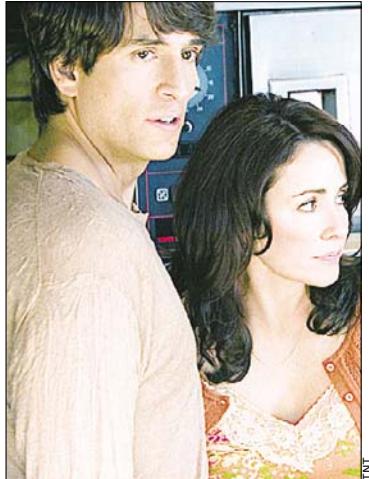
**CATFIGHT!** "Project Runway" is on the verge of returning for a new season (Dec. 7) and releasing a first-season DVD (Nov. 29). So of course some fellow is suing, claiming the Heidi Klum-hosted Bravo hit was a cheap knock-off of his original design.

# Vine and Women

## The grapest love of all in a corny but sweet 'Engagement Ring'

**ROMANCE** | Patricia Heaton stars in the romantic comedy "The Engagement Ring" (8 p.m., TNT). She plays a levelheaded woman surrounded by extroverts not afraid of expressing their feelings with operatic gusto. "Ring" is a broad comedy that shoots for the "Moonstruck" and occasionally hits its target.

Tony Lo Bianco and Lainie Kazan tear up the screen as Nick Di Cenzo and Alicia Rosa; they had been teenage sweethearts in



Spano and Heaton may fall in love, but they'll never trust the U.S. Post Office.

California's wine country until Nick got drafted.

But an engagement ring that Nick sent to Alicia got lost in the mail. Alicia eventually settled down with the practical Johnny (Chuck Shamata) and had a girl named Sara (Heaton). Nick never married and became a dapper womanizer.

Fast-forward 40 years — Sara wants to buy the Di Cenzo's land. Engaged to a cell phone-obsessed workaholic, Sara thinks she's content until she meets Nick's handsome nephew (Vincent Spano).

All concerned deserve credit for creating a corny romantic movie that still manages to explore the differences between the fires of young love and the rich embers of autumn passion. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

## ON TV TONIGHT

### HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

#### THE INVISIBLE JOURNEY WITH FREDERIQUE

(8 p.m., Travel). The floral industry is a billion-dollar worldwide business. Model Frederique travels through Kenya, Holland and New York's flower district to show how much a flower can travel, from seed to vase.

### GANG OF SEVEN ON THE MOVE

On back-to-back episodes of **PRISON BREAK** (Fox), **PROOF** (8 p.m.), **TIME FOR ACTION** (9 p.m.).



**DOES THIS HURT?** Realistic prisoner-doctor relations on "Prison Break."

### THIS SHOULD BE GOOD

**WIFE SWAP** (8 p.m., ABC) A preacher's wife moves in with an atheist.

### WHEN GHOSTS ATTACK

**MEDIUM** (10 p.m., NBC) A woman who claimed her house was haunted dies mysteriously.

### CULT CHOICE

An arrogant oil executive (Peter Riegert) tries to buy a Scottish village for his boss (Burt Lancaster) only to fall victim to the town's enchantments in the 1983 comedy

**LOCAL HERO** (9 p.m., IFC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

11.28.05		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS		WRC (4) News CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Surface "Episode 10" (N) O CC		Las Vegas "For Sail By Owner" (N)		Medium "The Reckoning" (N) CC		News CC	Tonight Show
		WTTG (5) Seinfeld O CC	The Simpsons O	The Simpsons O	Seinfeld O CC	Prison Break "Odd Man Out" CC		Prison Break "End of the Tunnel" (N)		News		Geraldo at Large	Friends O CC
		WJLA (7) News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "Stonerock/Finley" (N) O		NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Indianapolis Colts. From the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. (S Live) CC					
		WUSA (9) News CC	CBS News	9News Tonight	Ent. Tonight	King of Queens "How I Met		Two/Half Men	Out of Practice O	CSI: Miami "Shattered" (ITV) (N) O	News CC	Late Show	
		WDCA (20) That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Friends O CC	Every-Raymond	One on One (N)	All of Us (N) O	Girlfriends (N) O	Half & Half (N) O	The Tyra Banks Show (N) CC	Girlfriends CC	Girlfriends CC	
		WMPT (22) The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Direct Connection		Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City"		Escape From Iran		American Experience "Emma Goldman" CC (DVS)		Direct Connection	
		WETA (26) BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Antiques Roadshow "Oklahoma City"	To Be Announced					To Be Announced	
		WHUT (32) Moneytrack CC	Tavis Smiley O	BBC World News	Moneywise	Rick Steves' European Christmas	Seven European cultures at Christmastime.			BBC World News	Tavis Smiley O	Charlie Rose Sam Mendes. (N) CC	
		WBDC (50) Steve Harvey	The Parkers O	My Wife and Kids	Bernie Mac	7th Heaven "Apple Pie" (N) O CC		7th Heaven "Home Run" O CC		Bernie Mac	My Wife and Kids	Sex and the City	Will & Grace O
BASIC CABLE		A&E City Confidential CC	Cold Case Files CC		Biography "Child Stars II: Growing Up Hollywood" CC					Airline (N) CC	Airline CC	Crossing Jordan O CC	
		Animal The Crocodile Hunter CC	The Most Extreme Animal mating.		Miami Animal Police CC	Animal Precinct CC				Miami Animal Police CC		Miami Animal Police CC	
		BET 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	BET.com Count		★★ "Jason's Lyric" (1994, Drama) Allen Payne, Jada Pinkett.					The Parkers O	The Parkers O	In Living Color O	In Living Color O
		Bravo (4:00) "Born on the Fourth of July"	The West Wing "Things Fall Apart"		The West Wing "The Two Bartlets"	The West Wing "Night Five" CC				The West Wing "Hartsfield's Landing"		The West Wing "Dead Irish Writers"	
		Comedy ★ "Double Take" (2001, Comedy) Eddie Griffin, Orlando Jones. CC		Daily Show	Colbert Report	Comedians	South Park CC	Mind of Mencia	Reno 911! CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report		
		Court NYPD Blue "It Takes a Village" CC	Cops O CC	Cops O CC	The Investigators	Forensic Files	North Mission	Dunne: Power, Privilege & Justice		Extreme Evidence	Extreme Evidence		
		Discovery Motorcycle Mania 2 CC	Biker Build-Off Ron Finch. CC		Roush Racing: Driver X (N)	Monster Garage "Milk Bomb" CC				American Chopper CC		American Chopper CC	
		DISCH Paramedics New Orleans paramedics.	Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Face Eating Tumor CC	Medical Incredible Rare bone disease.				Mystery Diagnosis (N)		Face Eating Tumor CC	
		Disney Sister, Sister O	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★★ "Cadet Kelly" (2002) Hilary Duff, Christy Carlson Romano. CC		Naturally Sadie	Sister, Sister O	That's So Raven	That's So Raven		
		E! Love Gone Bad	The Soup	E! News (N)	E! News	THS Investigates: Plastic Surgery Nightmares Plastic surgery. (N)		Dr. 90210 "Busy As a Li"		Reese Witherspoon: Golden Girl			
		FX King of the Hill O	King of the Hill O	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★★ "High Crimes" (2002) Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman. A lawyer must defend her husband in a military courtroom.				Nip/Tuck "Madison Berg"			
		HGTV Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Cash in the Attic	Dream House (N)	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me O	Rezoned	Design on a Dime	Double Take
		Family 7th Heaven "See You in September"		Smallville "Duplicity" O CC		★★ "Blizzard" (2003, Fantasy) Brenda Blethyn, Christopher Plummer. CC		Whose Line?	Whose Line?			The 700 Club CC	
		History Mail Call CC	Mail Call CC	Modern Marvels: Inventions of War	UFOs and the White House	Decoding the Past (N) CC			Battlefield Detectives: Waterloo			Nefertiti: The Mummy Returns	
		Lifetime The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	★★ "Christmas in My Hometown" (1996, Drama) Melissa Gilbert. CC		"Crazy for Christmas" (2005, Drama) Andrea Roth. Premiere. CC				Will & Grace O	Will & Grace O		
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		NICK All Grown Up O	Danny Phantom	Fairly Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Full House CC	Full House CC	Fresh Prince	Full House CC	Full House CC	Roseanne CC	The Cosby Show
		SCI FI Stargate SG-1 "The Light" O CC	Stargate SG-1 "Evolution" CC		Stargate SG-1 "Evolution" CC							★★★ "Gulliver's Travels" (1996)	
		SPIKE World's Wildest Police Videos CC	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O						UFC Unleashed O	
		TBS Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Friends O CC	Family Guy CC	Family Guy CC	★★★ "Scrooged" (1988) CC	
		TLC Martha Billy Bush. (N) CC	Amazing Medical Stories CC		Trauma: Life in the ER CC	Untold Stories of the E.R. (N) CC				Woman With Half a Body		Trauma: Life in the ER CC	
		TNT Charmed "Morality Bites" O CC	Law & Order "Gov Love" O		"The Engagement Ring" (2005) Patricia Heaton, Vincent Spano. Premiere.				"The Engagement Ring" (2005, Romance) Patricia Heaton, Vincent Spano.				
		USA (5:00) ★ "Friday After Next" (2002)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		WWE Monday Night Raw (S Live) CC					(.05) ★★ "Black Dog" (1998, Action)	
		VHI Reality TV Secrets Revealed O		40 Greatest Reality Show Moments	Memorable reality occurrences. O		2005 Hook-Ups and Break-Ups O		Hwd Snappers	Brk. Bonaduce		Big in 2004	But Can They
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SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC		Monday Night Countdown (Live) CC		Figure Skating Trophée Eric Bompard Cachemire. From Paris. (Taped) CC							
	ESPN2	ESPN Hollywood	Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith	College Basketball	Virginia Tech at Ohio State. (Live) CC		All-Access	Import Racers	Import Racers	Import Racers	Import Racers		
	CSN	Totally Football	SportsNite (Live) CC		Monday Night Live (Live)	Premiership Soccer Arsenal vs. Blackburn Rovers.		SportsNite (Live) CC		ACC All-Access	Best-Sports		
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now CC	Larry King Live CC		Anderson Cooper 360 CC					
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC	Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren				The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	The Abrams Report		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Rita Cosby Live & Direct	Scarborough Country				The Situation With Tucker Carlson	
MOVIES	AMC	★★ "Fletch" (1985, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Joe Don Baker. PG'		★★ "The Ref" (1994, Comedy) Denis Leary, Judy Davis, Kevin Spacey. R'				★★ "Tommy Boy" (1995, Comedy) Chris Farley, David Spade. PG-13 CC					
	TCM	★★ "Ride the Pink Horse" (1947) Robert Montgomery. 'NR' CC		★★★★ "Gunga Din" (1939, Adventure) Cary Grant. 'NR' CC (DVS)				★★ "Ivanhoe" (1952, Adventure) Robert Taylor, Joan Fontaine. 'NR' CC					
	HBO	Unknown Soldier: Father	(:15) ★★ "Secret Window" (2004, Suspense) Johnny Depp. O PG-13 CC		★★★★ "Yesterday" (2004, Drama) Leleti Khumalo. 'NR'			★★ "Flight of the Phoenix" (2004) Dennis Quaid. CC					
	MAX	(4:30) Wild Things	(.20) ★★ "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) Steve Martin.		★★ "Elektra" (2005) Jennifer Garner. O PG-13 CC		MAX on Set	★★ "Breakin' All the Rules" (2004) Jamie Foxx. PG-13'				Sapphire Girls O	
	SHOW	My Teacher's	NYU Filmmakers: kNow HIV/AIDS (Subtitled-English)		★★★ "My Best Friend's Wedding" (1997) Julia Roberts.		(.45) ★★★ "Mean Girls" (2004) Lindsay Lohan. iTV. O PG-13' CC					★★★ Heathers	
	TMC	(.15) ★ "Totally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) Krista Allen. O PG-13' CC		★ "Leprechaun: Back 2 tha Hood" (2003) O R' CC			★★★ "The Legend 2" (1993, Action) Jet Li. O R'					Halloween: Curse-Michael"	
	STARZ!	(5:15) ★★ "Raising Helen" (2004) Kate Hudson. PG-13'		(.20) ★★ "The Last Shot" (2004) Matthew Broderick. R'			★★★ "G.I. Jane" (1997, Drama) Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen. O R' CC					(.10) ★★★ "White Men Can't Jump"	
	ENCORE	(.05) ★★ "How to Deal" (2003) Mandy Moore, Trent Ford. O PG-13' CC		★★★ "Hellboy" (2004, Fantasy) Ron Perlman, John Hurt. O PG-13' CC			(.05) ★★★ "13 Going on 30" (2004) Jennifer Garner. O					(.45) Crimson Tide	

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## Star Wars

### A new exhibit shows a world like Lucas' isn't so far, far away

In a certain galaxy far, far away, fantasy — not physics — rules the frigid wasteland of Hoth and the infernos of Mustafar. Spaceships flit between planets, massive factories churn out robot and clone armies, and circuitry keeps alive the Empire's greatest villain.

Here on earth, though, more conventional forces are at work than in the Star Wars series. There's no gravity-defying Force to help change a tire, no light sabers for pruning the bushes, and no landspeeders in the garage for a late-night pizza run.

Light-years still separate science from fiction in George Lucas' six-film epic about the galactic battle between good and evil, but a new exhibit at Boston's Museum of Science tries to show that the fantasies of Star Wars aren't all far-fetched — and some are getting less so each year.

The exhibit, which stirred controversy when it was revealed that the museum had bumped a more conventional science exhibit, uses the wildly popular movies as a bridge

to real science, and fires up interest about the promises of engineering, physics and other fields.

Lucas himself is the first to admit that science was the furthest thing from his mind when he concocted the Star Wars story line 30 years ago about a fascistic imperial army and the feisty rebels who ultimately win the day. Five movies followed the 1977 original, with the final episode released in May.

Lucas said he never considered the science of the Force that binds together Lucas' universe, and the Jedi

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LUCAS' VISION: The "Star Wars" creator is surprised at how technology has grown.

It offers everything to put a Star Wars buff into orbit. At the entrance rests Luke Skywalker's famed landspeeder, the scuffed and battered vehicle in which he glided over the surface of Tatooine. A peek underneath reveals the wheels that were hidden onscreen. Its 2005 counterpart is an exhibit about "real-world speeders" under development, such as the Moller m400 Skycar, a sleek red rocket-shaped hovercraft.

Throughout the exhibit are interactive displays about real-world science. At one robotics station, Matt Froment, a 32-year-old science teacher at Elm Street Middle School in Nashua, N.H., watched Mitchell Gaffney, 13, working toggle switches to make robotic legs

# Science Meets Fiction

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GEORGE LUCAS

knights who wield it. There was no reason to explain why cars floated, 'droids walked, or how smuggler Han Solo could boast that his ship, the Millennium Falcon, "made the Kessel run in less than twelve parsecs."

"In the beginning we kept pushing very hard: This is a fantasy, this is a space fantasy, this is not a science fiction movie," he said in an interview at the museum. "There was no consideration about science at all, other than to make things have common-sense reality."

But to his surprise, technology over the years has advanced in ways that were inconceivable in 1977. Humanoid robots can walk and talk. Engineers are creating personal hovercrafts, and today's prosthetics nearly mimic some of the part-human, part-cyborg characters that inhabit Lucas' film.

The \$5 million exhibit was a collaboration between the museum and Lucasfilm Ltd., Lucas' company. It premiered in Boston in October and will be open through April.

walk over a surface, as a gaggle of students looked on.

Froment said he "grew up on Star Wars" and pounced at the chance to bring his class. He said it can be a battle to interest kids in science, and he fretted that they wouldn't be excited. That worry vanished when the class walked in the door.

"I'm quite pleased with the excitement level that I've seen so far. I couldn't be happier. Kids coming up to me saying, 'It's cool Mr. Fro,'" he said. THEO EMERY (AP)

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# A New 'Nightline'

## TV News

### With fresh anchors, ABC tries to pick up where Koppel left off

Like a Broadway show in rehearsals too long, the post-Ted Koppel "Nightline" finally has its opening night.

"There are many people out there who are looking to prejudge us one way or another," said James Goldston, the show's new executive producer. "There's a great feeling of 'will this remain true to the original 'Nightline' and all that. All I would say is that I'd like the show to be judged on what we do, rather than a theoretical version of what we might do."

The new "Nightline" with Martin Bashir, Cynthia McFadden and Terry Moran debuts at 11:35 p.m. tonight. It's got new anchors, a new look, a new pace, a new production team. It's literally a Broadway show, originating from ABC's Times Square studios. That's new, too.

Part of the newness is inevitable, given the loss of the only anchor "Nightline" has known for nearly 26 years. But it's also by design an attempt to correct perceived weaknesses while trying not to alienate



**NEW FACES:** New "Nightline" anchors Cynthia McFadden, left, and Martin Bashir prep in New York for the post-Koppel era.

the show's longtime fans.

McFadden and Bashir will be based in New York. McFadden, a former legal correspondent and "Primetime Live" reporter, is a known quantity who has been with ABC News since 1994. Bashir is best known in this country, in a not altogether flattering way, for an interview with Michael Jackson. But he has a 20-year reputation as an investigative reporter and interviewer from his work in England, Goldston said.

Moran, ABC's former White House correspondent, will be in Baghdad for the first week as a new studio set is built for him in Washington.

Their feelings about succeeding Koppel are a mystery; ABC News, perhaps showing some nervousness about the relaunch, hasn't made any of them available for interviews.

Gone will be the "Nightline" tradition of focusing on a single story each night. That may happen during big news events, but a typical

show will have three stories and a wry ending segment.

The old format left "Nightline" vulnerable to missing out on stories that weren't worth the full show, Westin said. "You have two choices — either you ignore them altogether, or you stretch," he said.

"If you go away from the ironclad commitment to the single topic, it gives you more flexibility to cover the stories that you think really matter to people."

McFadden has been working on a story about AIDS in India. Instead of making it the subject of a single show, "Nightline" will break it up and present it over several nights.

Westin also was insistent on making "Nightline" live again, even if it's more of a magazine-type show than a newscast. In recent years, Koppel had been taping "Nightline" several hours in advance, much like the late-night comics.

Between McFadden's AIDS series and several upcoming stories on the impact of the war in Iraq and at home, Goldston's plans show that his first priority is convincing the typical "Nightline" audience of 3.6 million people that despite everything new, it's still a serious show that they'll be comfortable with.

Only then can ABC seek someone new, like the 2 million regular "Nightline" viewers who have tuned out over the past decade.

On his final broadcast, Koppel also asked viewers to give the new folks a break, saying, "If you don't, I promise you the network will just put another comedy show in this time slot. Then you'll be sorry." It was a none-too-subtle reference to ABC's 2002 courtship of David Letterman to replace him.

Westin said he has no indication that the clock is ticking on "Nightline," any more than it is for every show that must earn its place on the air by doing good work and drawing an audience.

"I've been getting no pressure in that regard," he said. "The only pressure for us is putting on a really good program and succeeding. If we do that, we're fine. If we don't do that, we shouldn't be fine." DAVID BAUDER (AP)



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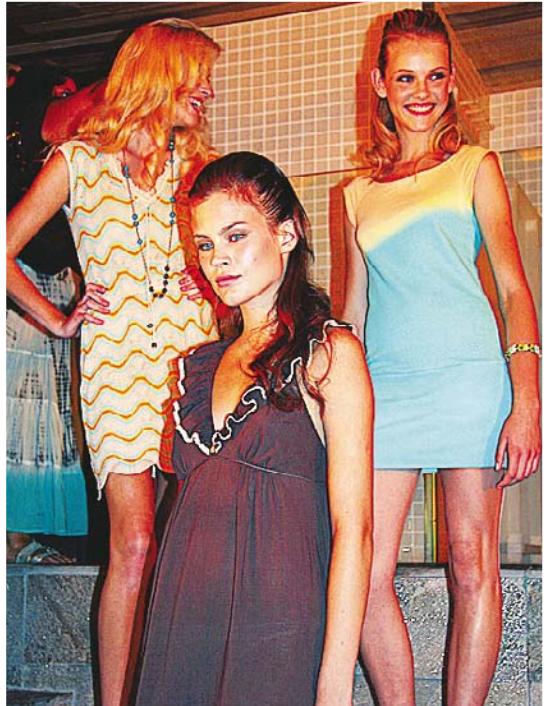
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## Styles

## LOOK out



GOOD CLEAN FUN: Charlotte Ronson's New York Fashion Week show exhibited an aesthetic that was more tailored and restrained, yet still full of her trademark cheek.



MIKAEL VOJNOVIC/FWD

# From Cute to Couture

Charlotte Ronson is growing up, and so is her clothing line

**CHARLOTTE RONSON'S** clothing label began as C. Ronson, a playful mix of cotton tees and underpants, but now it has matured into the more complete "Charlotte Ronson," a true collection that is, aside from the new name, a more finished endeavor.

Because the Ronson name is synonymous with music — both Charlotte's brother Mark and her twin sister Samantha are internationally known DJs, alongside the fact that the original C. Ronson line was done in partnership with Damon Dash — a lot of people like to look to

Designing People

Ronson's clothes as some sort of insider's link to the music industry. But they really aren't, at least not anymore. Her family may have ties to music and her laced-up tees might have been a favorite among music celebrities when she started, but it's beyond that now.

Now paired with Japanese apparel company Sanei, Charlotte Ronson currently boasts 16 stores in Japan, as well as Nolita digs in Manhattan. A passing trend? It doesn't look like it.

FWD met Ronson at her Manhattan-based showroom,



MIKAEL VOJNOVIC/FWD

A little bit of boho and a little bit of prep ... and a lot of unnaturally skinny leg.

Showroom 7, to discuss the evolution of her collection.

Pulling a beaded top from the rolling rack, Ronson was quick to say she's moved beyond her straightforward cotton separates and into a more upmarket, designer territory. "It's more woven and less knit

driven," she said. "It got a little more grown up as I grew up ... so I can still wear the clothes."

She has expanded to jackets, tailored dresses, pants, swimwear and shoes, not to mention her lucrative line of Tooshies, a collection of '70s-printed underwear. It's interesting to see how the tiny brightly colored dots of deer, lollipops, rainbows or ice cream cones printed on little girl-style white cotton tees and on little boy-style undies now contrast with the new hints of military (nautical ropes), safari details (cargo pockets) and bohemian shapes that rule her new line.

The spring 2006 collection is priced as follows: tops (not tees) are about \$180, dresses average \$220 and jackets are between \$260 and \$350. All will be available in March at Charlotte Ronson shops and cronson.com.

Now she's planning her fall collection, another venture that mixes her youthful foundation with her maturing tendencies. "I am inspired by Brother Grimm's 'Hansel and Gretel,'" said Ronson, "[The next] collection shows the sweetness of eternal innocence, juxtaposed with the realization of lost youth."

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HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

## Upcoming

### Anglophiles, Rejoice!

The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute's next exhibit is called "**ANGLOMANIA**," a look at British fashion from 1976-2006. It will be presented in the museum's

English Period Rooms, said Andrew Bolton, an associate curator. "Each of the vignettes will be based on 18th-century literature or other artistic sources," Bolton said. "But there's also romanticism. Think of Alexander McQueen and the underlying romanticism in his work." The show will open May 4, following a benefit gala on May 1 that's co-chaired by Vogue editor in chief Anna Wintour, Burberry creative director Christopher Bailey and actress **SIENNA MILLER**. (AP)



## Books

### The Trials of M.J.

**DIANE DIMOND**, formerly of Court TV, discussed her book, "Be Careful Who You Love: Inside the Michael Jackson Case," on Nov. 22 | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

**You are known for your dogged determination in covering the Jackson cases. What do you think of that classification of your efforts?** Well, I'm not going to apologize for being a "dogged" investigative reporter. Yes, I've been determined on this story — I think in large part because of the resistance from Team Jackson to answer media questions. Ask any reporter — the more they can't get at the truth the harder they work. For me, this was a compelling mystery. Was a superstar guilty or not? I felt we wouldn't know the truth until it got to court. Now, with the after-verdict pronouncement from three jurors that they really felt he was a pedophile, I'm not so sure the truth is known.

#### Why do you think Jackson left Neverland and moved to Bahrain?

It's a complex answer. First, I think he needed to go away and regain his health. Second, I think he ran to escape Child Protective Services which was sure to return to check on the welfare of his three children. Third, Bahrain has no extradition treaty with America so he can't be forced to return. Fourth, there are multiple millions of dollars in lawsuits facing him here in America — the latest just filed by one of his former business associates named Dieter Weisner, according to ABC

News. And fifth, there is a prince in Bahrain who is apparently willing to pay for everything. In my opinion, Michael Jackson will soon be dead broke and he needs a benefactor badly.

**What do you think would have happened if you did not break the stories of the boys and Michael Jackson? What benefit would you hope the public would get out of reading your book and knowing the story of the boys and their encounters with Michael Jackson?**

Someone would have reported it. But that someone might have simply taken the Team Jackson denials, run with those and left it at that. Early on I saw so many discrepancies in their spin that it just made me keep digging. Plus, Jackson's treatment of people left a lot of angry people who wanted the "truth," as they called it, to get out. Just because someone is angry doesn't mean they aren't telling the truth.

#### → Today on Live Online

**11 A.M.:** Post staff writers Lindsey Layton and Steve Ginsberg answer your questions and share the drama of getting from Point A to Point B in D.C.

**NOON:** Elizabeth Cogswell Baskin, author of "How to Run Your Business Like a Girl," will be online to offer advice on entrepreneurship for women.

## Letters

### Shame on the Scalpers

**WHEN I LEARNED** that the free panda cub tickets were snapped up in a matter of hours ("Panda Cub Is a Hot Ticket," Nov. 22), I knew that it wouldn't be long until they began to pop up on eBay. They are now there, and it is outrageous. These tickets are paid for by taxpayers. And profiteers who grabbed as many of the tickets as they could with only one purpose in mind — to

sell them — are now doing so for ridiculous prices. I am completely disgusted by this, and eBay (as well other companies like ticket brokers, etc.) should ban all sales of these tickets.

—BURT WARNER  
*via e-mail*

### Correction:

Wednesday's Weekend Pass section provided the wrong date for the Christmas tree lighting at Union Station by the Royal Norwegian Embassy. It takes place Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m.

### Bizarro | Dan Piraro



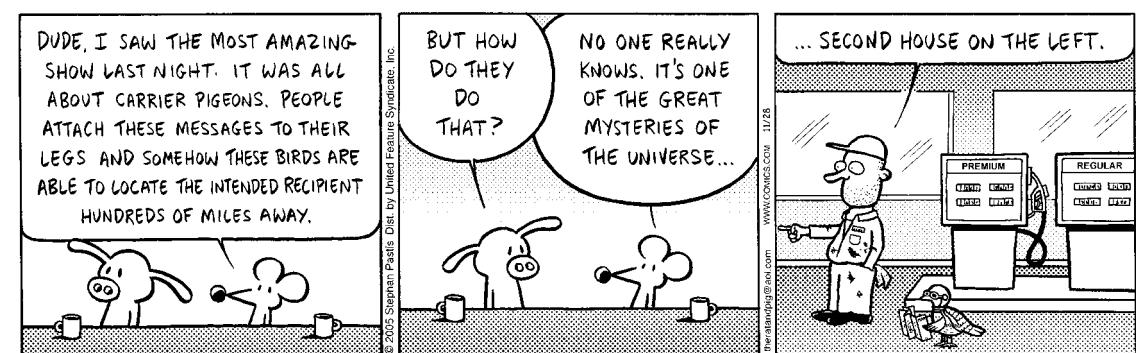
### Cornered | Mike Baldwin



### Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



### Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



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BROTHERSI.DARTMOUTH.EDU ON EX-FEMA DIRECTOR MICHAEL BROWN, WHO'S OPENING A DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CONSULTING FIRM.

## THE Blog LOG

### RENTHEAD REAX

"Seeing the movie ... was like running into an ex. He's changed in the nine years I've known him, but so have I. It will never be like it was for us, but ultimately I was really happy to see him."

DIARYOFABLOODRAY.BLOGSPOT.COM, WHO HAS SEEN 'RENT' ON STAGE AT LEAST 12 TIMES, REFLECTS ON THE FILM VERSION.

### FIGHT MEDIA BIAS!

"Bush and the Republicans are ignoring the homefront ... and leaving the field to their enemies in the press."

DREADPUNDIT.BLOGSPOT.COM AGREES WITH SEN. JOHN WARNER, WHO SAID THE PRESIDENT SHOULD GIVE FIRESIDE CHAT-STYLE REPORTS ON THE IRAQ WAR.



### SHOP TALK

"I just don't understand these folks who would rather stand outside a shopping mall at 5 in the morning ON THEIR DAY OFF, than lie on their couch eating cold pumpkin pie."

DEARQUEENAN.COM ON BLACK FRIDAY

### THE AFTERMATH

← "Joe Simpson is rapidly firing off a list of ... schemes Jessica can squeeze out of this. I see a ballads-only CD, a book on divorce, a skincare line for stressed-out skin ..."

CONVERSATIONSFAMOUSPEOPLE.BLOGSPOT.COM IMAGINES WHAT JESSICA SIMPSON'S DAD/MANAGER MIGHT BE THINKING ABOUT THE SPLIT.

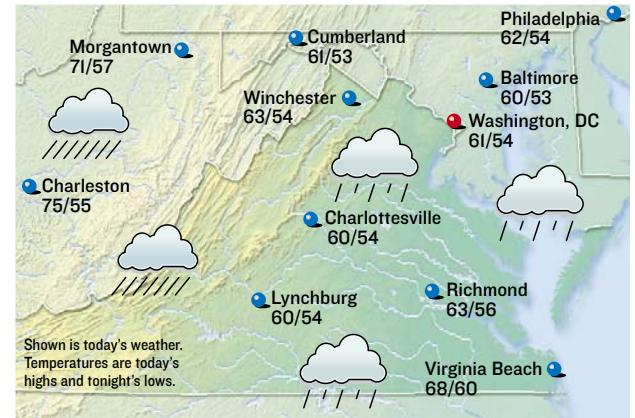


**DON'T** go dateless to the game. The Washington Wizards will hold its first Singles Night of the season on Nov. 30. Start at 6 p.m. with a pre-game party, then head to the game to watch the Wizards trounce the Portland Trail Blazers. It costs \$50; reserve online at [washingtonwizards.com](http://washingtonwizards.com).

## 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mostly cloudy, breezy, shower	Mostly cloudy, shower, fog	Breezy, rain	Morning rain possible	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
61°	54°	62° / 46°	52° / 36°	51° / 35°	44° / 29°

## Regional Weather



## Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Sun.

### Temperature

High	53°
Low	34°
Normal high	53°
Normal low	37°
Average humidity	53%

### Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.40"
Normal month to date	2.73"
Year to date	40.52"
Last year to date	39.25"
Normal year to date	36.00"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: [washingtonpost.com/weather](http://washingtonpost.com/weather)

## Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, breezy, mild, a shower or some drizzle. High 61. Wind south-southeast 8-16 mph.

Tonight, mostly cloudy, a shower, fog.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:05 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:47 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:49 a.m.
Moonset today	2:47 p.m.



## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You may find that compatibility is an issue, particularly when you and a partner are engaged in close and careful work.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You may have an encounter with someone who makes life difficult for you unintentionally. The fact is he or she may be quite jealous.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You mustn't expect too much from others; each and every individual is involved in his or her own complicated affairs at this time.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** You will want to avoid any kind of emotional entanglement. When it comes to making choices you must be clear-headed and resolved.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Though you may be tempted to slow down a bit and focus on other endeavors, it's important that you keep up the pace as best you can.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You may be surprised to learn that not everyone is in

agreement with you at this time. Still, you can progress at a steady rate.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You may be unusually changeable and unpredictable throughout the day. What you are really doing is exploring more options than usual.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You're in the mood for a little more mystery and intrigue in your love life at this time, and you can arrange just that for yourself during the evening!

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Your own individuality may become something of an issue before the day is out. Take care that you don't threaten someone else, however.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Avoid the temptation to rush things; seeking a conclusion before others are ready to settle may only bring you more problems.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Someone you know is likely to surprise you with behavior that seems out of character. Get more involved, and you'll come to understand further.

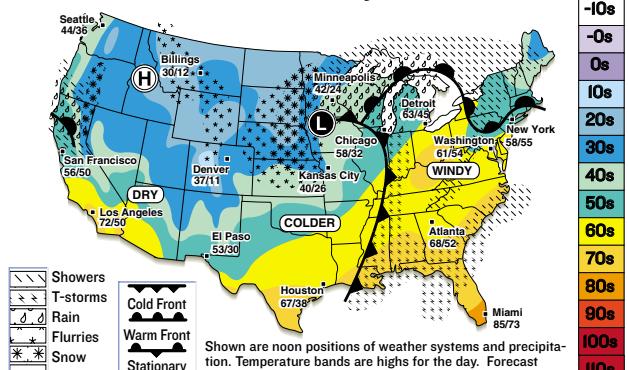
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Waste no time! Get an early start, and make use of every opportunity to get ahead. Don't make the mistake of thinking you can slow down.

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## National Weather for Monday, November 28



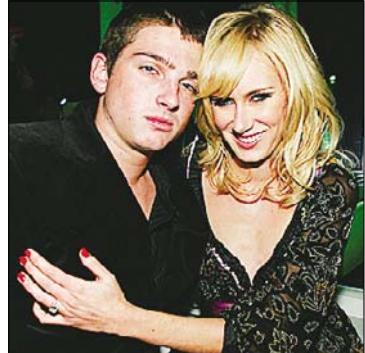
## National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	68/52/t	56/38/sh	Amsterdam	38/34/sn	42/38/c
Boston	51/47/c	58/51/r	Athens	64/48/pc	62/55/pc
Chicago	58/32/sh	36/24/sf	Berlin	30/24/sn	34/27/c
Dallas	62/37/pc	62/37/s	Buenos Aires	90/64/t	75/59/r
Denver	37/11/pc	41/22/pc	Calgary	24/10/sf	18/2/sn
Honolulu	79/67/sh	63/57/pc	Dublin	39/34/sn	41/36/sh
Los Angeles	72/50	53/30	Geneva	35/34/sn	37/32/sf
El Paso	70/50/s	70/54/pc	Moscow	37/36/pc	40/28/c
Houston	67/38/t	80/60/t	Rome	54/44/sh	58/52/r
Atlanta	68/52/t	67/52/r	Sydney	67/62/r	69/63/t
Seattle	44/36/r	42/34/sh	Tokyo	62/52/pc	63/52/r

s—sunny, pc—partly cloudy, c—cloudy, sh—showers, t—thunderstorms, r—rain, sf—snow flurries, sn—snow, i—ice.

# LOOK out

## People



He didn't fill her heart with gladness.

### SING IT! 'Have I Told You Lately That I Loathe You?'

**KIMBERLY STEWART**, 26, and "Laguna Beach" star **TARAN KILLAM**, 19, are no longer engaged — or even a couple. "It was just too soon to enter into a lifelong commitment," their representatives said in a joint statement. Stewart's rep said the pair would "remain friends" and had not been dating for long. "It would be in the category of weeks as opposed to months," he said. (AP)

## PSYCHOSIS

### Honey, We Told You Not To Date That Woody Allen

**DIANE KEATON** dated many of her leading men off screen, but she says she prefers to fall in love onscreen. "You know where it's going, and you can just enjoy it for what it is," Keaton tells Time magazine. "Real life is complicated. Onscreen you know what the lines are. Everybody's doing what they're supposed to do. He's not gonna surprise you." (AP)



DON'T FRET, JESSICA ...

## There Are Other Chicken in the Sea

**JESSICA SIMPSON** and **NICK LACHEY** are calling it quits after months of persistent breakup rumors, the couple announced Wednesday. "After three years of marriage and careful thought and consideration, we have decided to part ways," they said in a joint statement. "This is the mutual decision of two people with an enormous amount of respect and admiration for each other." In the December issue of *Teen People*, Simpson denied rumors that the marriage was kaput. "Hopefully mine and Nick's story will continue for the rest of our lives," she said. (AP)



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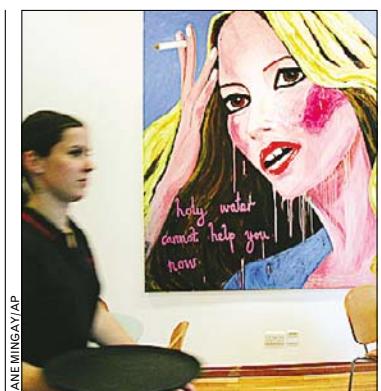
and I learned a lot about film-making and storytelling. I would like to do it on my own next time," she said in an interview broadcast Sunday with Channel 4. Madonna said her 9-year-old daughter, Lourdes, is a good singer and dancer, and would one day follow in her footsteps. (AP)

### GOALS Or, She Could Just Learn the Autoharp

**MADONNA** says she would like to follow the lead of her husband, filmmaker Guy Ritchie, and direct a movie of her own. The pop singer will appear in a documentary about her life, "I'm Going To Tell You A Secret," which will air on Britain's Channel 4. "I felt very inspired by making this movie,

### ART That Something in Her Eyes Isn't Bravery

**KATE MOSS** is the subject of four paintings by Stella Vine now on exhibit in London. One is based on the September tabloid photo that showed Moss with cocaine. Vine said she became interested in Moss because of the spirit she saw in her eyes. "She's like Mona Lisa; she may not be the most beautiful woman in the world, but something comes through her eyes. ... There's a bravery in Kate's eyes," she said. (AP)



"Holy Water Won't Help You Now" would look great in a Logan Circle loft. (AP)



### POOR EXAMPLE Aussie Children Internalize That Violence Is a Funny Joke

**RUSSELL CROWE** can laugh about throwing a phone at a hotel concierge. Hosting the Australian Film Industry Awards in Melbourne on Saturday, he walked onstage carrying an old-fashioned telephone. "If there are any problems and you do get up here and go on too long," Crowe warned nominees in the audience before indicating the phone, "Then 'hello' to my little friend." (AP)

# LOOK out

## Auto Intoxication | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

### ACROSS

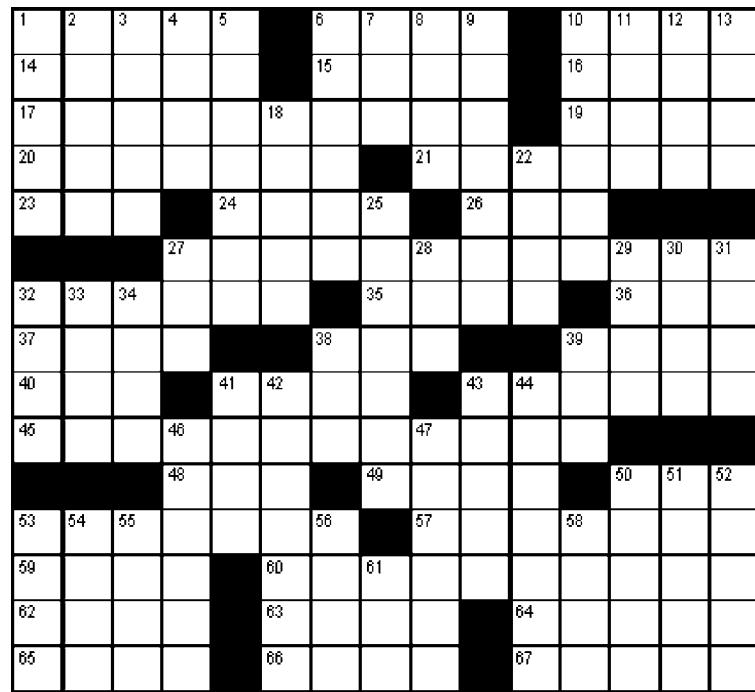
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17 Farmer's windfall  
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20 One counterpart  
21 Soft-shell clam  
23 "Cover \_\_\_ Face" (P.D. James mystery)  
24 Separable snack  
26 Up there, say  
27 Reliable teammate  
32 Insect repellent?  
35 Heavenly bear  
36 English I reading  
37 Word with garden or power  
38 Kaline and Gore  
39 "Zounds!"  
40 Would-be chicks  
41 Mongolian desert  
43 Hightails it  
45 Cyclist's slacks  
48 Wharf pest  
49 "Here I am!"  
50 Cry partner  
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57 Leftover amount  
59 Inviting word  
60 Nonstop talker

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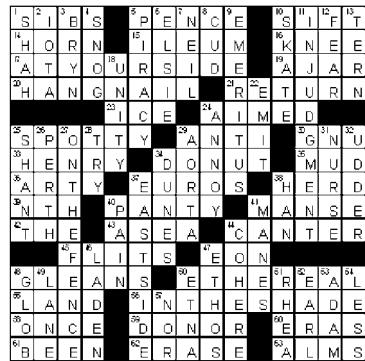
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6 Kind of agent or ballot  
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8 Half of an old radio duo  
9 They're off during takeoff  
10 Naval force  
11 Coal line  
12 Up to the challenge  
13 Two of a kind  
18 Second or third showing, e.g.  
22 Noted first name in jazz  
25 Visionary?  
27 Cartoon frame  
28 "48 \_\_\_" (Nolte-Murphy film)  
29 Meditative discipline  
30 Cheese type  
31 Rhode Island fowls



32 Cry from a tickled person  
33 Shoreline irregularity  
34 It has shoulders but no head  
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39 Triage sites, briefly  
41 Pleased as Punch  
42 Most favorable  
43 Certain ceremonial occasion  
44 Studied hard and fast  
46 Deeply devoted

47 "Over the Rainbow" composer Arlen  
50 Visit frequently  
51 Solve a knotty problem?  
52 Outer space  
53 They may be split in Vegas  
54 All-conquering thing  
55 "My feelings exactly!"  
56 Verboten thing  
58 "Saturday Night Live" alum Dunn  
61 Oaxaca aunt

### Wednesday's Solution



## Today in History

**1520** Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

**1919** American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

**1925** The Grand Ole Opry, Nashville's famed home of country music, made its radio debut on station WSM.

**1958** The African nation of Chad became an autonomous republic within the French community.

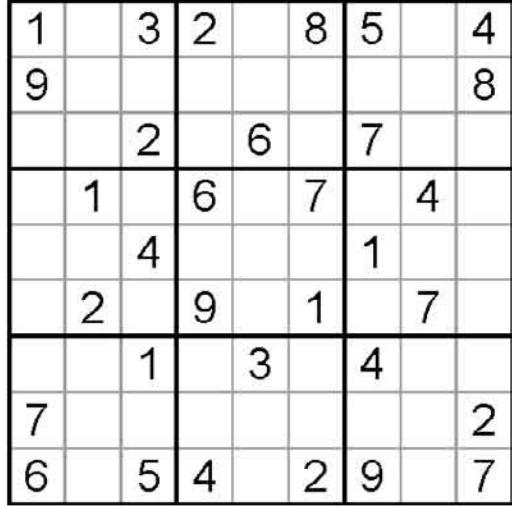
**1990** Margaret Thatcher resigned as prime minister of Britain during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.

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